

13 December 1948

Commander Grant H. Brown, USNR
 President, Naval Armory Chapter, ROA,
 551 East Ohio Street,
 Chicago, Illinois

Dear Brown:

Thank you very much for your kind invitation in your letter of 1 December 1948 to address the Reserve Officers Association about intelligence. At present I must decline because the less publicity any intelligence organization has, the better it will do its work, and there has been, in the past, altogether too much publicity on this subject.

While I appreciate the honor extended to me to address your chapter, I should like for you to extend me and to excuse me to your colleagues in the Naval Armory Chapter.

With best wishes, please believe me,

Sincerely,

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 R. E. HILLIKOMETER
 Rear Admiral, USN
 Director of Central
 Intelligence

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✓ Director

Central Records - w/basic ltr of 1 Dec 48 inviting DGI to address

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Activities and Methods

the Naval Armory Chapter, ROA and also the Cook County Chapter, ROA (Army) -- an audience of at least a thousand Reserve Officers. Suggested following dates: 14 Jan, 8 Apr, 20 May, 8 Jul, 19 Aug or 9 Sep.

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(Cdr Grant H. Brown)